

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, 26th March.
The P. and O. Steam Navigation Company's mail steamer left Bombay yesterday evening with about 600 chests of Malwa opium. Prices per chest as under:—

Malwa, New.....Rs. 1,120
Old.....1,280
Older.....1,360

(By special arrangement with Der Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

France and the Kwangsi Rebels.
BERLIN, 26th March, 1.25 p.m.
France has repeatedly offered China to send troops into Kwangsi to suppress the rebellion.

South African Imports.
The decision of Bloemfontein Customs conference with regard to the British preferential right on imports into South Africa has been confirmed.

(Reuters.)

Rioting in Trinidad.

LONDON, March 24th.
Serious riots have taken place in Trinidad in connection with an obnoxious water bill. The crowd stoned and ignited the Government buildings which were gutted, and the Governor and Council had to be escorted through the mob from the burning buildings after the police had fired to clear a way. Several were killed and wounded. The *Pallas* and *Kokel* landed blue jackets to restore order. The mob is still excited and dangerous.

Mr. Chamberlain.
Mr. Chamberlain has refused the offer of a great demonstration in his honour, not being desirous that political capital should be made out of his tour to South Africa.

LATER.

Result of the Lincolnshire Handicap.

1. Over Norton.
2. Ypsilante.
3. Portcullis.

Recall of General Sir Hector Macdonald.

General Sir Hector Macdonald has been ordered to return from Colombo to answer some very grave charges made against him. The Governor has been authorized to convene a Court Martial, officers being outside the scope of the criminal law of the Colony.

(N. C. D. News.)

LONDON, 26th March.
The intercolonial conference at Bloemfontein has decided that the natives south of the Zambesi are insufficient for labour requirements and that immigration of unskilled Asiatic labour, if positively required, should be permitted under control of the Government, which should provide in their indentures for their repatriation. The permanent settlement of Asiatics would be injurious and should not be permitted.

A Royal Recognition.

TIMBIS, 26th March.
King Edward has sent General Mel a gold watch in recognition of his services to the missionaries at Tsangtshou in 1900.

Turkey's Tergiversations.

LONDON, 26th March.
Owing to the British Constantinople Embassy's strong representations of the tergiversations and bad faith of the authorities at Yemen, and the Ambassador's consequent threats to proceed to demerit without consulting Turkey, the Porte has informed the Embassy that it has sent instructions in conformity with the Embassy's requirements.

THE TUNG WA HOSPITAL.

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW EXTENSION BUILDING.

As one approached the new building of the Tung Wa Hospital, in Po Yan Street, this afternoon a huge mat covering of variegated colours met one's eyes. This was supported by four bamboo pillars, and with evergreen and flags. Hanging directly under the covering, the display of innumerable Hongkong flags was conspicuous. The steps leading into the entrance were nicely carpeted, the vestibule being covered by pol plants, palm trees, and draped with flags. The verandah were also well decorated, the first entrance door being draped with the British ensign and the Chinese Dragon flag. The second door leading directly into the hall was draped with the British and American ensigns, while granite columns supporting the roof were well garlanded with their boughs decorated with the Hongkong ensign. Once in the hall, the decorations though not so showy, presented, however, another aspect. Four blackwood chairs on each side, inlaid with mother-of-pearl of unique design, and covered over by embroidered covers, and four stands, graced the eye. In the recess, a long blackwood table, having on it an incense burner and two vases, with a heavy and costly embroidered silken hangings, complete the decorations of the hall. The floor was well carpeted and the four side doors were also well draped with flags.

Among those present at the opening ceremony this afternoon were: H. E. the Governor (Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.), Lady Blake, Miss Blake, Sir John Keane (Private Secretary), the Commodore and Mrs. Robinson, the Lord Bishop of Victoria, Lady Goodman, Hon. F. and Mrs. W. H. R. C. McL. Messrs. Conselheiro A. G. Romano (Portuguese Consul), Mr. J. J. Leira (Portuguese Vice-Consul), Rev. C. H. Hickling, Hon. Dr. Atkinson, Mrs. Noble, Gibson, Pearce, Thomson, Messrs. R. R. Bell, C.M.G., W. D. Dixon, C. C. Anderson, A. S. Hopper, Ho King, Ho Fook, A. Gibson, E. S. Brown, Mr. T. Fung, W. C. Chiu, G. A. Woodcock, K. K. Leigh, and J. R. Michael, and the following members of the Committee of the Tung Wa Hospital: Mr. Tang Lan Kook, Mr. Tang Kai Chuen (Comptroller), Messrs. Ho, P. Chiu, & Co., Mr. Ng Li

Hing (Nan Pak Hong gild), Mr. Man Kwong Tin (Comptroller, Messrs. Carlowitz & Co.), Mr. Chiu Sik Yee (Gordon Yarn gild), Mr. Ng Fak To (Comptroller, Messrs. Lau, Wegener & Co.), Mr. Sin Yuen Fai (Nam Pak Hong gild), Mr. Chan Kan Ling (San Francisco firm gild), Mr. Yuo Wai Chee (Opium gild), Mr. Li Ngai Chee (Rice gild), Mr. Tang Lai Tong (Pa n Brokers gild), Mr. Lum Chun Tak (Pice Goods gild). Soon after four o'clock H. E. Sir Henry Blake, with the Government House party, arrived and was received by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Tang Lan Kook, assisted by the other members. Mr. Fung Wa Chun presented a bouquet to Lady Blake, while Mr. Ho Tang handed another to Miss Blake. Shortly after, the Chairman proceeded to read the address in Chinese, which was interpreted to the assemblage present by Mr. Lau Chu Pak. The address is as follows:—

Spring now gives life to all things; the trees are putting out new shoots; a thousand tints of colour are vying with each other in beauty. Thus not only is the garden adorned with fresh loveliness, but the gardener also is encouraged to renewed effort.

To-day in this seasonable month of spring our new hospital stands completed opposite to the old one. It is as if an old tree had put out a new branch, whose beauty before our eyes.

As we look at it our hearts are full of joy. Your Excellency in coming here to-day to open this extension to our hospital, displays an interest in it that all Hongkong may know that we are met together not merely to admire a flower, but in the expectation of luxuriant fruit which will mature from the blossom. Let us then unite to give it future efforts.

The foundation stone of this extension was laid on the 25th November, 1899. At that time the Government granted us the site and your Excellency honoured us by laying the foundation stone. Since then three years have elapsed, winds and clouds have gathered and we could scarcely hope that your Excellency, who had laid the foundation stone, would also perform the opening ceremony. But, nevertheless, sowing and reaping have been done by the same hand. Now, when a man completes the work which he himself began, his affection for it is intensified. We venture to hope, therefore, that your Excellency is animated by the same sentiment. During the years that your Excellency's star has shone over Hongkong, all humane and charitable works, such as this hospital, have been steadily carried to completion under your Excellency's care. The whole Colony therefore prays for blessing upon your Excellency.

It is my duty now to give you some details concerning the extension to our hospital. We have to thank fully acknowledge subscriptions from the Chinese in Hongkong and elsewhere to the amount of \$66,300, and from Europe to the amount of \$20,016. The total sum subscribed was \$86,316. The cost of building was \$62,448 and the cost of the iron work was \$5,743.76. The architect's fee amounted to \$1,954. The new hospital contains one maternity ward, one surgery ward, two first class wards and four general wards. All of these are bright, well-ventilated and the convenience of patients has been carefully studied, as you can see without words of mine, and it will be possible to do away with the Ko Fong wards in the old hospital.

So the Tung Wa Hospital has now a fresh attraction and, being more capacious than previously, it will prove a great and permanent benefit to Chinese in sickness. We trust that future benefactors will make further improvements, so that the high standard of the hospital may be maintained. Then your Excellency's kindness and interest in the hospital will not have been in vain.

In reply, His Excellency Sir Henry Blake said that it was a great pleasure and a gratification to him to see the completion of that valuable addition to the Tung Wa Hospital, towards which, he noted, Europeans had subscribed such a large proportion of the funds. He proceeded to refer to the scope of the work being carried out by their valuable institution, and thanked the Chinese community for the way in which they responded to his request, made when laying the foundation stone of the extension to the Tung Wa Hospital, to assist the authorities in trying to find measures for plague prevention. People had listened to the advice of the influential Chinese, whom he thanked for the way they had helped the Government, and his thanks were also accorded the people for the manner in which they responded to the advice of their leaders. After referring to the proposals embodied in the new Public Health Ordinance, His Excellency intimated that he intended to recommend to His Majesty's Government that the land resumed in Tai Pingshan behind the new extension be made into a people's garden. Reference having been made to other matters, particularly to the destruction of mosquitoes for the prevention of malaria, His Excellency concluded by trusting that the beneficial effects of the Institution would be felt for many a long year by the Chinese poor among them.

At the conclusion of the speech Mr. Tang Lan Kook presented the Governor with a silver key bearing the following inscription:— "Presented by the Committee of the Tung Wa Hospital, to H. E. Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G., on the occasion of the Opening of the New Hospital Building." Hongkong, 26th March, 1903.

With this key, His Excellency proceeded to open the door and declared the Tung Wa Hospital Extension Building opened. The visitors then inspected the new hospital, and general satisfaction was expressed at the completeness of the internal arrangements. A full description of the building appeared in the *Telegraph* of the 23rd inst., and a verbal report of His Excellency's speech will be printed to-morrow evening.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LIMITED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above Company was held at noon to-day at the Company's registered office, Nos. 38 to 40, Queen's Road Central, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, of passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Company may underwrite the whole or a part of the fire risks on all, or any, of its properties as the directors may from time to time determine.
 2. That the sum of \$200,000 now standing to the credit of Permanent Reserve Fund be transferred to the credit of an "Insurance Reserve Fund" and that this Fund shall be credited with the same premiums on the properties underwritten by the Company as if they had been insured by other companies, and that all losses by fire shall be met out of the same Fund.
- There were present Messrs. Hart Buck (chairman), A. H. Mancall, A. G. Wood, H. Humphreys, C. Evans, Ho Tung, Ho Fook, Captain W. E. Clarke, and J. L. Coker, (secretary).
- After the secretary had read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, you have been called together to consider what has now become a very important question to this company, viz., that of fire insurance; and to pass, if you approve, the resolutions in connection therewith, which your General Managers and Directors have adopted subject to your confirmation. I shall be glad to have the opinions and votes of shareholders present on the matter, but before doing so, it would be as well to place before you as concisely as possible the reasons which influenced your Board in coming to their decision. As you are doubtless aware, the Fire Insurance Companies have lately raised their rates all round to 25%. With the new rates in force, some of your Chinese property will give you a net return of less than 6% per annum, and you may the more readily understand the position when I tell you, that in some cases the annual premium now charged is equivalent to two months' gross rentals. If Insurance Companies refused to take risks on Chinese stocks in trade there is no reason why the rates on Chinese property should not be as low or lower than on European properties, but I suppose that contingency is a remote one. What we have to face is the fact, that existing premiums on Chinese property in the Colony constitute so great a burden as to render most of it unrentable at present rentals. The question arises, therefore, whether this fire insurance business is not out of all proportion to the risks run. Comparatively speaking, the risks are small. Our Chinese properties are so scattered that no single fire is likely to inflict a material loss on us than forty thousand dollars and to effect this, a whole block would have to be burnt to the ground, a state of affairs which happily seldom occurs. Your directors are in favour of taking all the fire risk on your Chinese property and half that on your European properties. As the rates on the latter are very much lower, and a much greater amount of damage could be inflicted on the Company by a single fire than would be possible in the case of your Chinese properties. We have said during the past six years upwards of twenty thousand dollars to the Insurance Companies and received in return for fire damage \$300. During the next six years, the fire premiums will probably amount to forty thousand dollars, and I think you will agree that with ordinary luck we may be able to build up a very substantial Insurance Reserve Fund out of premiums alone. Before putting this resolution to the vote, I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may have, but I may mention that it is of the intention of the Board to give effect to the resolutions, unless a majority of at least two thirds of the shareholders present are in favour.

Captain Clarke—I quite agree with the chairman's speech. I think the directors should have the power they ask for, to make this improvement in the interest of the Company, but I believe, at least, I have heard to-day, that the Fire Insurance Companies are going to reduce their rates. I only heard it as a rumour. I do not know whether it is true or not.

Mr. Humphreys—That is in Kowloon only. Mr. Hart Buck—Of course, this resolution, passed, does not necessarily take effect. The point is, it gives the directors the power to carry out the resolutions if they consider it necessary. The Fire Insurance Companies may consider it advisable to put up their rates again; then it would be a strong position to enable the directors to carry this resolution into effect.

Captain Clarke—I quite agree that the directors should have the power, but there is one question I should like to ask. What means have the Government over the Kowloon side in the way of fire extinguishing appliances? I think there is no fire engine at the moment.

Mr. Humphreys—They have the marine engine, which could be used in a case of fire near the Praya. Of course, all the houses in Kowloon are near the Praya.

Captain Clarke—Then they have not a single fire engine in Kowloon.

Mr. Hart Buck—Who?

Captain Clarke—The Government.

Mr. Hart Buck—I believe not.

Captain Clarke—It is a fine state of affairs to have to trust to the floating fire engines. I have seen here in Hongkong, in the case of the big fire in Wellington Street, the floating fire engine taking 45 minutes before the fire got to the other side of the harbour, and in this matter, I think it will be as well to consider what appliances there are in Kowloon for extinguishing fires.

Mr. Hart Buck—Of course, as I told you in my opening speech, during the last six years, we had paid over \$200,000 to fire insurance companies and received only in return \$300 for fire damage, so I think you might estimate the risks to a certain extent. At the same time, I think it would be advisable for us to see that there is an efficient fire brigade at Kowloon.

Captain Clarke—It might be advisable to bring the matter before the notice of the Government regarding the inadequacy of the fire extinguishers in Kowloon.

Mr. Hart Buck—There being no further questions, gentlemen, I beg to move the two resolutions.

Captain Clarke—I have great pleasure in seconding the motion. It gives the directors the same power as ship owners have in underwriting the value of their ships.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Hart Buck—This is all the business, gentlemen. It is not necessary to have any confirmatory meeting. The resolutions involve no change in the Articles of Association.

This was all the business.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Correspondents.)

Canton, March 25th.
Some days ago I wrote that there were rumours that a contract had been given for the construction of a bund along the river front on Canton side. Whether the rumour regarding a contract is true or not I think it certain that the bund will be completed. The route has been surveyed and work is to begin soon. In fact it is said that work has already begun. Notice has been given that certain houses must be pulled down and the reason given is that the Government wants the land for the bund. The prefect of Kwong Chow, Mr. Sham, is very much interested in this work and it is said that the ex-prefect Fung will soon return to Canton presumably to help forward this work.

MISSIONARIES GO ON FURLOUGH.
Dr. and Mrs. Graves of the Southern Baptist Mission left for the United States on Monday afternoon. Dr. Graves has been a missionary in Canton for nearly fifty years. He still takes as active a part in work as any of the missionaries, teaching and preaching. Dr. Graves is a member of the committee appointed by the General Conference to prepare a Union Version of the scriptures in Chinese. Mrs. Kuralla on the same steamer. Dr. Fulton will sail on the 28th of April.

THE CITY.
There does not seem to be any indication that the Japanese Government will consider the

there seems to be rather fewer deaths than usual. The coffin shops afford the best evidence of the death rate. At present there is no unusual stir in these shops. Few workmen are at work and most of the shops are well supplied with coffins. The price of coffins is also normal.

SHIPPING ITEMS.
Capt. A. W. Dixon was relieved this morning by Capt. Branch who takes up his new duties on the *s.s. Siamon*. The latter was previously first mate of the *s.s. Hankow*, and has Mr. Miller to accompany him as Chief Engineer. Capt. Dixon will take a short well earned holiday before taking over command of the *s.s. Fatshan*.

The U.S. gunboat *Callao* and the Monitor *Monterey* had flag half masted in consequence of the death of Rear Admiral Wilder's death. The *s.s. Pawan* did not put in an appearance till about 8.30 a.m.; she was delayed by fog on her last trip up river, she ran ashore on Calcutta Shoal where she stuck from 12 mid-night till 6 a.m. arriving in Canton at 10 o'clock a.m. on Monday.

ARMY.
It is understood that the Viceroy has petitioned the Commissioner of Customs to ask the staff to be diligent in preventing the smuggling of arms.

BRITISH INTERESTS IN CHINA.

DISCUSSED IN THE COMMONS.

In the debate on the Address in the House of Commons on 18th ult., Mr. Joseph Walton declared that "it is essential that adequate measures should be taken for the safeguarding and promotion of the commercial and political interests of the British Empire in both China and Persia." He complained that we were losing ground in the Far East; and that our carrying trade was being taken away from us by Germany. There had recently been a new commercial treaty between this country and China, and as to that, he wished to know if the other great Powers had assented to the terms, because if not, he was afraid that when China went to the great Powers to ask for their assent, they would exact conditions inimical to our interests. British manufacturers and the British investors found that they did not receive from the British Government the same support that Germans, Russians, Belgians, and French received from the respective Governments in securing concessions and carrying through enterprises. British trade was rapidly diminishing in Persia, while Russian trade with Persia was rapidly increasing. The Russian Government had built three great railroads right down Persia, and the Persians had been enormous service in increasing their trade. The British Government was too supine.

The hon. member was still speaking when, at half-past seven, the sitting was suspended until nine o'clock.

Mr. Caldwell seconded the amendment. Mr. Gibson Bowles thought that the history of this country in China was exceedingly creditable. But still more creditable was the history of this country's allies, especially Germany. As to Persia, it was of the utmost importance to this country that the independence and integrity of that Empire should be maintained. Russia was so increasing her influence in Persia that he believed Lord Curzon would be inclined to support the amendment before the House. British trade with Persia had in recent years declined to an alarming extent, whilst Russian trade had proportionately increased, and there could be no doubt that political influence accompanied trade. Had the British Government, he asked, taken steps to remedy the unfavourable position in which the Russian commercial treaty with Persia placed British trade?

Mr. Keswick regarded the recently concluded Anglo-Chinese Treaty as one of the best commercial treaties that had ever been made. Viscount Cranborne said the House and the Government ought to be very grateful to the hon. member who had just said down, because, speaking as he did with a peculiar and intimate knowledge of the trade with the Far East, he had been able to tell the House not only that the recent commercial treaty with China had met with the approval of himself and the commercial community, but also that the position of British trade in China was not so gloomy as he believed. Taking Persia first, he (Lord Cranborne) had to say that our policy with regard to Persia had undergone no change. We saw reason why our interests and those of Russia should clash in Central Asia. Even so candid a critic of the Government as Mr. Gibson Bowles had been forced to admit that for many reasons we occupied a very strong position in Persia. His Majesty's Government had not been inactive in pushing British commercial interests in Persia, and had dispatched a commercial mission to investigate the trading possibilities of the country. With regard to the recent commercial treaty with China, what his Majesty's Government relied upon was that other commercial Powers would be convinced of the superiority of the improvements which we had induced China to accept, and that these Powers would then themselves accept similar treaties.

Mr. J. Walton—Has any Power yet approved our treaty?

Viscount Cranborne did not think any other Great Power had yet accepted the treaty, but his Majesty's Government relied upon their doing so. As to Wei-hai-wei, it had been provisionally decided not to fit this place up as a naval base; but he did not say that at some future time we might not find it advantageous to do so.

"RIGHT TO HAVE BEEN A CHANGE."
Mr. Norman characterized the Under Secretary's reply as most unsatisfactory. There could not be a more fatal condemnation of the policy of the Government than Lord Cranborne's own words: "There has been no change in our policy as to Persia." There ought to have been a change. (Hear, hear.) Anything was better than the dead-level of shilly-shally and the fear of taking any step inimical to the interests of Russia that had constituted our policy in the past. The new treaty with China was a failure, and the Chambers of Commerce at Hongkong and other places opposed it. It was also strongly objected to by the Japanese Government.

Sir Edward Grey did not view British trade in China in a pessimistic spirit. He did not regard with any jealousy the progress of the trade of other countries. We need not be alarmed if the trade of other countries, as measured by percentage, was growing in China, so long as the total amount of our own trade with China was increasing. Other countries might have a higher percentage than we, but without getting that extra percentage at our expense. As to there having been no change in our policy with regard to Persia, he would remind the Government that the financial bonds were being drawn closer and closer around Persia every year, and the independence of Persia was rapidly being taken away. In the near future, we should find that Russia had all the railways; and we were left with no rights. (Opposition cheers.) He hoped that while there was time his Majesty's Government would consider the

fully what was the essential minimum necessary to our strategic position in that part of the world, and would take steps to secure that essential minimum, not by strong observations to the Persian Government, but by direct dealings with the Russian Government. (Cheers.)

THE CURRENCY QUESTION.

"IN PARLIAMENT."

In the House of Commons on the 19th ult., Sir C. Dilke, on behalf of Sir E. Sassoon (Hythe), asked the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether his attention had been drawn to the proposals formulated by the Mexican and Chinese Governments to President Roosevelt respecting the fixing of a ratio between the Mexican dollar and gold; whether His Majesty's Government had made any recommendations to China in connection with endorsing that country with a national currency coin, in pursuance of one of the provisions of the recent Anglo-Chinese Agreement; and whether he would lay upon the table any correspondence of an international character bearing on these subjects.

Mr. Field (Dublin, St. Patrick's) also asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether it was the intention of the Government to accede to President Roosevelt's suggestion that an international conference should be held to discuss the advisability of arranging the currency difficulties existing between gold standard and silver-using countries, and, if possible, to fix a stable ratio of value and exchange.

Viscount Cranborne, replying to both questions: My attention has been drawn to the proposals in question, but His Majesty's Government have not yet received any invitation to take part in a conference on the subject. His Majesty's Government have not so far made any recommendations such as are indicated in the second paragraph of the question. We have not taken part in any international correspondence on the subject.

THE STRAITS COMMISSION.

The *London & China Express* states that the Straits Settlements Currency Commission will meet on Monday, 23rd inst., for the consideration of their draft report. Meanwhile the evident belief in Singapore that a gold standard is coming would seem to be reflected by the exchange, which is 7-6d. per dollar higher there than in Hongkong, a difference of about 2 1/2 per cent. We would point out, however, that if a change is made, and a gold standard established at a certain rate, that such a result must take time to be brought about. The only thing that will and must be quick is the legislation which it is put through.

Commercial.

TO-DAY'S INTELLIGENCE.

CHINA SUGARS receive the largest measure of attention in the market. Business has been done in them at \$100.50 and between that rate and \$110 the market closes steady. For forward delivery shares have been booked, June, at \$114.50 and for August an unsatisfied demand exists. DOCKS have advanced to \$214-\$215, with no shares offering. UNIONS have been done at \$335. WHARFS are strong at \$95 and STAR Ferries have buyers at \$27. At \$14.25 WATSONS can be sold.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 1/7 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand 1/7 3/8
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
" D'notes, 4 months' sight 1/7 1/2
ON BERLIN, (demand) M. 163 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 201
" Credits, 4 months' sight 205
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 39
" Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/4
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 119 1/2
" On demand 119 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 73 1/2
" Private 30 days' sight 73 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 78 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate \$12 1/2
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael 64 1/2
Bar Silver 21 7/16

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

Per chest
MALWA NEW @ \$970/990
" LAST YEAR @ 1,020/1,050
" OLDEST @ 1,070/1,150
PATNA NEW @ 1,095
BEARERS NEW @ 1,075
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 760/820

To-day's Advertisements.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND AUSTRALASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LIMITED.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY OF COPENHAGEN, LIMITED.

QUARTERLY REVISION OF CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

REFERRING to the Companies' Notice of 20th December last, the Senders of Telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st April next, the Charges for Telegrams will, subject to revision after three months, be collected at the Rate of \$0.50 to equal One Franc.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.
Hongkong Station,
26th March, 1903. [381d]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION, No. 177.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that FIELD FIRING will take place on SATURDAY MORNING, the 28th instant, from a point one mile South of Kowloon Point (Ngau Tau Kok), firing on the Sou here Slope of the Hill.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
H.M. K.M. 26th March, 1903. [382a]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING OF ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st April, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1903. [380e]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.
The Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above Port, on SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS LAURIE & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1903. [383e]

FOR LOILO (DIRECT).

"I. DE LA RAMA,"
Captain F. Such, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HIJOS DE I. DE LA RAMA,
19, Consaught Road.
Hongkong, 26th March, 1903. [362a]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.
The Company's Steamship
"KUMSANG,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside the ship on board after SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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Hongkong, 26th March, 1903. [384e]

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUZ
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 27th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 3rd April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 9th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 16th April.

S.S. "OANFA" from GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL has arrived and leaves for JAPAN TO-MORROW, the 27th instant.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON via GENOA	"KINTUCK"	On 31st March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 14th April.
LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES	"PING SUEY"	On 18th April.
LONDON	"DEUCALION"	On 28th April.
LONDON	"AGAMEMNON"	On 12th May.
LIVERPOOL via GENOA	"PATROCLOS"	On 25th May.
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 26th May.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"OANFA"	On 27th March.
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Hongkong, 26th March, 1903.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"SINGAN"	25th March.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	28th "
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	30th "
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUN"	1st April.
MANILA	"KANSU"	3rd April.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	4th April.

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1903.

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Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	Saturday, 28th March, at 10 A.M.
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PERLA	1980	J. McGinty	—	—

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

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PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

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"INDRAVELLI"	4,899	W. E. Craven	April 16, 1903.
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FOR TAMSUI	"DAIJIN MARU"	T. Ogata	SUNDAY, 29th March.
FOR ANPING	"MAIDZURU MARU"	T. Saito	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
FOR TAMSUI	"DAIGI MARU"	T. W. Groves	SUNDAY, 5th April.
FOR FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	J. Goto	WEDNESDAY, 8th April.

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The Company's new steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for 1st class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

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For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s Local Branch Office, at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1903.

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STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric Light, First Class Accommodation. Unrivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1903.

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Twin Screw S.S. "SAN CHEUNG," 951 Tons, Captain Murphy, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M., on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Unexcelled accommodation for First Class Passengers. Hot and Cold Water lead on by Pipes to each Cabin. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare \$3.00 Single Journey. Meals \$1.00 each.

The Company's Wharf is East of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office, and West of Canton Boat Co.'s Wharf.

CHEUNG ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1903.

WING ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

THE Steamship

"CHU KONG," Capt. Mason. Departures from HONGKONG to MACAO, daily, at 9 A.M. SUNDAY including Departures from MACAO to HONGKONG, daily, at 2 P.M. SUNDAY including.

This Steamer is the fastest and has Superior Cabin Accommodation.

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1st Class.....\$2.00
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No. 42, Bonham Street West.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1903.

FOR SINGAPORE, RANGOON AND MOULMEIN.

THE Steamship

"FREIBURG," Captain Proesch, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, at Noon.

For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1903.

[1368e]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

MANILA LINE.

Largest and Fastest Steamers on the route. Excellent Accommodation. Cuisine Unexcelled. Unrivalled Speed. Fitted throughout with Electric Light. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

Steamship.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
ROHILLA MARU	E. P. Bishop	3,869	Tuesday, 31st instant, at Noon.
ROSETTA MARU	N. Tate	3,876	Friday, 3rd April, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Office, 3, Queen's Building, Ice House Street.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1903.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FRIEDLAND (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through Rates to the BRAZIL, to SOUTH AFRICA, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEBANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NIPPON," Captain Klausberger, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 1st April, P.M.

For Information as to Passage and Freight apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co.,

Agents.

Prince's Buildings.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1903.

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EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.

THE Steamship

"EASTERN," Captain Ellis, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBBS, WINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1903.

[1344e]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw Steamer

"KWONG CHOW," 1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONGKONG for CANTON at 5.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning to Hongkong the following days leaving CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare \$4 Single Journey. Meals \$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is West of the Hongkong Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1903.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOV AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1903.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA. THE Company's Japanese Mail Steamship

"KUMANO MARU," 5,007 Tons, Captain H. Fraser, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Well-known Steamer is specially constructed for the service in the Tropics, and is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Electric Light and Refrigerator. Doctor and Stewardess carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

[1360e]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA. THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG," Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 27th instant, at 4 P.M.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for First Class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1903.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING," Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1903.

[1370e]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

1903.

"RICHMOND CASTLE," About 20th April.

"AFRIDI," " 30th April.

"SAGAMI," " 15th May.

For Freight and further information, apply to

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1903.

[1394e]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

Steamship Service to NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL, (With liberty to call at the PHILIPPINE PORTS.)

THE First Class Steamer

"PEMBROKESHIRE," will be despatched on or about 15th May.

For Freight and Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1903.

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NOTICE.

Neither the CAPTAIN, the AGENTS, nor the OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessel during her stay in Hongkong Harbour:

HOWARD D. TROOP, British-armed, barque, D. W. Corning, Master.

Consignees.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL. CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon, TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1903.

[1354e]

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK. THE Company's Steamship

"INDRANI," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1903.

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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE. THE Company's Steamship

"MARIA VALERIE," having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo— From Venice, ex s.s. *Elise* transhipped at Trieste.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here, unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon, on the 28th instant, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns, after the 28th instant, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1903.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"PEKIN," FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo— From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

COLUMBIA, American ship, 772, Soague, 24th Mar.—Pigei Sound 22nd Jan., Lumber.—Butterfield & Swire.

ECLIPSE, British barque, 2,969, McBurney, 17th Mar.—Nagsacki 8th March, Ballast.—Standard Oil Co.

GROSVENOR, British barque, 516, Boga, 14th June.—Mauritius 16th January, Sugar.—Abdoola & Co.

HOLLISWOOD, American bark, 1,084, E. M. Knight, 23rd Feb.—Fremantle, W.A. 12th Dec. Sandlewood.—Gillman & Co.

HOWARD D. TROOP, British 4-masted barque, 2,680, D. W. Corming, 6th Mar.—New York 29th Oct., Petroleum.—Standard Oil Co.

LUCLA, British barque, 639, Andersen, 13th Mar.—Singapore 28th Dec., Timber.—Order.

ROSE, British barque, 786, Pow, 28th Feb.—Fremantle 1st Nov. Sandle Wood.—Order.

SENAID, American schooner, 660, J. C. Downing, 4th Feb.—Manila 31st Jan., Ballast.—Order.

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